GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:20
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
RURAL ROAD CONNECTIVITY SCHEME
MALYALA RAJAIAH;RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the plan to connect the villages by roads;

(b) if so, the details of villages connected by roads and the details of villages identified to be connected by roads, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the remaining villages are likely to be connected by roads;

(d) the criteria fixed for selection of villages for the purpose;

(e) whether the Government propose to revise the guidelines on Rural Road plan toempower the States to select the villages for the rural road connectivity scheme;

(f) if so, the details thereof;
(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(h) the State-wise details of funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 20 ADMITTED FOR REPLY ON FEBRUARY 2001

(a) to(d): Yes, Sir. The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, launched in December 2000,aims to connect all Habitations with a population of more than 1000 persons through good All-weather roads by the year 2003 and those with a population of more than 500 persons by the year 2007, depending upon availability of funds. The State-wise details of villages connected by roads and those yet to be connected are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(e) to (f): The planning process and selection of villages are to be handled by the respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and the implementation of the Programme by Agencies designated for the purpose.

(g): Does not arise.

(h): A Statement showing the State-wise allocation of funds for Rural Roads for the year, 2000-2001 is enclosed at Annexure-II.